



GAY WAYNE NEWS

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-On our agenda for this week-

Hello everyone and happy 2008. The year started off with a large bang with respect to our endeavors. Here they are:

GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESEARCH CENTER

Our Undergrad research grant for the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) was confirmed by the Honors Department. This is a \$3100 grant that is going to be dispatched come February. Congrats to Lindsay Snoes, who acquired another grant from the Women's Studies Dept. for the GSRC. Kudos to Phil McDonald, as well, for developing the new website- hopefully to soon be online.

Dr. John Corvino, who many of you already know and adore, has graciously agreed to be the sponsor and will monitor the execution and advise toward the evolution of this center. We have secured rooms for this center thanks to the efforts of Dr. David Strauss, Dean of Students & Mike Bowen, interim Director of the Student Center. They are 313, 315, 317, 321, 323 & 325. All the rooms are connected to each other and include a large meeting table, some furniture and other things. The projected day for the Grand Opening is Feb. 1. For this semester, we will have GLBTA meetings in *TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM IN ROOM 317*. The logo has also been chosen, and is displayed below:



Some members are also in the process of establishing a subsequent student organization in order to promote the GSRC. Being a student organization means that we would be able to petition Student Council for funds to put on events, bring speakers to campus and possibly create an annual Journal.

For the meeting on Jan. 15 we need to come up with a list of things that we want for the center. Also, as part of a requirement for the Undergraduate grant, there must be a pre-service and post-service questionnaire for visitors; therefore, we

have to come up with questions. This is a critical part of the grant. Please think of questions that you feel should be put on the questionnaire. If you'd like to be a major part of our experiment, stick around for a special GSRC meeting at 7:45pm, at the tail end of the GLBTA meeting.

As a side note, the fraternities & sororities are getting the old room of the Episcopalian Center. So, I was helping to clean the room out and found some wonderful information/pamphlets on being a gay Christian & from where AIDS comes. I kept said info and it will be available for anyone who wants either to be horrified or a good laugh, depending on your mood and sense of humor.

MOCK WEDDINGS

The mock weddings are still on. However, the schedule has been pushed back. We are shooting for the first week in March. There have been a lot of ideas thrown around for this event. We do want it to be realistic, i.e.- not a Jerry Springer wedding. We have agreed that it should be a non-religious ceremony; there should be rings, question and answer periods, music at the ceremony and a cake topped with a groom/groom and bride/bride decal.

There have been working groups developed a series of volunteers. There is still time to sign up if you want to help out. Please come to the next meeting or send

one of the officers an email over Facebook. Here are the groups, standing as of when this report was written:

The working group: Mandy, Jeff, Peter, Irina, Oliver and James.

The Wedding Invitation: Jeff

Research Committee & Booklet: Irina and Katrina

Music: James, Joe, JoAnne, Krystina and Ashley.

PROGRESS PROM

This week's meeting will start the beginning of seriously planning for the Progress Prom. This is the brainchild of members of Project Progress- a new student organization that is a caucus between forward-thinking student groups on campus. This event is meant to recreate the "greatest night in a high school senior's life" for those who were not able to go to their own prom. The GLBTA is a sponsoring member of Project Progress, so our input is both actively requested and vital! We are looking for a venue, possibly the church by Manoogian (St. Andrews) or the Ballroom. Also, we're going to need all the things that you do at the prom- food, a DJ, balloons, the works. A committee has been established to plan and execute this event. Members from our group are Phil M, JoAnne L, Alex

F, Steven D, Joe B, Katie B, Oliver B, Irina V, and Krystina Y. If you would like to be a member of the committee, please attend the meeting on Tuesday or email one of the officers.

JANUARY'S EVENT AT RUTH ELLIS CENTER

It has been the consensus that the GLBTA wants to do another event at the Ruth Ellis Center (REC) due to the success of the previous event in November. We would like it to be on a Friday in January, either the 18th or 25th. Analysis of the previous event shows that it would be most successful if it took place at 7:00pm and everyone should bring deserts, instead of "food dishes." Because the rest went pretty well last time- board games, burned CD's, etc, we'd want to keep that all exactly the same.

In conjunction with that, some of the people at REC have formed a new coalition, called R.E.C. Boys, that would want to have an event with us on H.I.V. prevention. More details are to come.

EATING OUT

We've bringing EATING OUT back- new and improved! Last meeting, there was a brainstorm about what could be done to improve attendance. There should be more advertisement- a big banner by the tables with easels, and larger placards on the table, printed in color. Also, we are getting cookies next time! Lastly, we

need to work on our attention-getting skills, in particular going out into the Student Center and directing people to come sit with us.

OTHER:

Ok, the following is a sample of subjects that were briefly touched on in the meeting and should be discussed during the meeting next Tuesday.

- Bring back the John Corvino and John Stanton debate.
- Suggestions for Community Service outside GLBT.

That's it for now. Remember that the next meeting is on **Tuesday, Jan. 15 @ 6:30PM in room 217 of the Student Center.**